

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-4, 8-12 and 16 were rejected. Claims 5-7 and 13-15 were objected to. With this Amendment, claims 5-7 and 13-15 were amended, and claims 1-4, 8-12 and 16 were cancelled without prejudice.

Accordingly, claims 5-7 and 13-15 are at issue in the above-identified application.

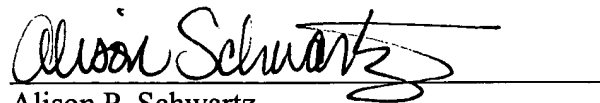
With respect to remaining claims 5-7 and 13-15, the Examiner objected to these claims as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Claims 5-7 and 13-15 have been amended to include all limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. In addition, claim 5 has been further clarified to refer to "transmitting each of said plurality of data streams through one of a plurality of networks having different properties" instead of "transmitting each of said plurality of data streams through a network having a different property," as previously written. This additional amendment is made only for clarification purposes and does not change the substance of the claim in any way.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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